

Maryland FFA Board of Directors
July 9, 2018 6:00 p.m.
Comfort Inn, Aberdeen, MD
Conference Call Number: 443-339-3131

Chuck Schuster, Karen Nicklas, Emily Hester, Amy Jo Poffenberger, Sydnie Grossnickle, Sabrina Mann, Tom Linthicum, Laura Ramsburg, Autumn Lippy, Terrie Shank, Jodi Callahan, Mikayla Stockman, Mike Harrington, Tom Mazzone, Richard O'Hara, George Mayo. On phone: Brenda White

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Chuck Schuster at 6:07 p.m.

The Minutes from the May 30, 2018 meeting were presented. Amy Jo Poffenberger moved to approve the minutes. Tom Linthicum seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Laura Ramsburg. A Profit/Loss report for the Association from January 1-July 6th was presented. Amy Jo Poffenberger moved to approve the report and file it for audit. Jodi Callahan seconded the motion and the report will be filed for audit.

A Financial update of Outstanding Invoices was provided to the Board by Naomi Knight. State Convention numbers of participants in events were shared.

State Officer Reports- 2017-18 Team: Autumn Lippy, President and Mikayla Stockman, Reporter shared a report on their year of service. Autumn reflected on the Convention, Mikayla shared her observation of member growth and achievement. They thanked the Board members for their support of the team.

2018-19 Team: Sydnie Grossnickle, President and Sabrina Mann, Reporter shared that the team is ready to hit the ground running. They presented a request to move the Floriculture and Vet Science CDE to Spring judging and move the Horticulture CDE from Spring judging to either the State Convention or State Fair. Chuck Schuster asked for a committee to review the proposal: Mike Harrington, Lori Mayhew, Brenda White, Sydnie Grossnickle, Sabrina Mann, Brooke Ridinger and Terrie Shank will serve on this committee.

Emily Hester presented a request from Region 4- Announce the results of Spring Judging events during the State Convention so that the students are recognized in front of their peers. Possibly add this to the first session of convention by showing the team photos with chapter/student names to recognize the students. The Board members supported this recommendation.

Unfinished Business:

4-H/FFA MOU-George Mayo reported that he was still in the process of reviewing this document.

Review of 90th MD FFA State Convention-All of the Board members shared their perspectives, comments that they heard, or items observed during the event.

- Students commented that the dining area was crowded.
- Larger auditorium, over flow room was hard to hear and visuals were not clear.

- Laura Ramsburg- Move the speaking CDE preliminaries to the morning. Finals after lunch.
- Emily Hester-Photographer did a great job.
- Amy Jo Poffenberger- Down time between last two sessions.
- Chuck Schuster-Facebook Live feeds were excellent, visibility was good.
- Amy Jo Poffenberger-Chapter Challenge- told that they were too late to participate in Chapter Challenge. Were included in the second round.
- Lori Mayhew- Concerns with hotel guests not a part of our group in the hallways at night.
- Chuck Schuster- Convention went smoothly. Thanks to the Officer team, Volunteers, Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Shank.
- George Mayo- Outstanding Officer team, very successful convention.
- Brenda White- Alumni shopping mall sales were good, more interest by students was expressed in the shirt design contest.

Other items:

New Business:

State Convention Delegate Issues- 2017-2018 MD FFA President Autumn Lippy shared the issues and recommendations.

1. Protocol for informing students of scoring process- Submitted by the Frederick CTC FFA Chapter Referred to a committee: Ryan B, Emily Hester, Adelia Chandan, Amy Jo Poffenberger.
2. Time of year and location of State Convention-Submitted by the North Harford FFA Chapter
Announcement of State Officer Candidates prior to State Convention-North Harford FFA Chapter
Emily Hester moved to accept the committee recommendation to not change the way in which State Officer Candidates/officers are announced. Lori Mayhew seconded the motion and the motion passed.
3. Dues increase on National/State levels- Move towards State-wide Affiliation-Submitted by the MD FFA State Officers/Staff
Lori Mayhew moved to accept the Committee recommendation to raise MD State dues by \$1.00 starting in the 2018-2019 school year. Tom Linthicum seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Review of possible sites for 2019 MD FFA State Convention were shared by Terrie Shank. Working with the company Conference Direct, proposals from four venues were received. Turf Valley Conference Center, Ellicott City; Delta Hotels by Marriott, Cockeysville, Princess Royale and Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel in Ocean City. Proposals were also received from the Maritime Conference Center and University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne. The six venues were reviewed and discussion on the pros and cons of each venue were shared. Jodi Callahan moved that the University of Maryland Eastern Shore be selected as the site for the 2019 Maryland FFA State Convention. Emily Hester seconded the motion and the motion passed. Terrie Shank was directed to contact the UMES staff and make the arrangements to hold the Convention.

MOU between Maryland Farm Bureau and Maryland FFA Association. Terrie Shank shared that the National FFA Organization and American Farm Bureau recently signed a MOU stating how they will share programming and support for the organizations. David Miller, MAEF and Parker Welch, MD Farm Bureau have been developing a MOU between MD FFA and MD Farm Bureau. A draft of the MOU was shared with the Board members to review. Feedback and recommendations from Board members should be sent to Chuck Schuster.

Chuck Schuster shared the location, date and time for upcoming Board of Directors Meetings:
Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.- Farmers Cooperative, Frederick, MD Richard O'Hara, host
Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 6 p.m.- Annual Meeting, tentatively to be held at Baugher's Restaurant
Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.- MAFC-Frederick
Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.-MAFC-Frederick

Jodi Callahan moved to adjourn the meeting, Emily seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrie Shank

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Executive Director